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to in the answer to clause (*a*) above and appointments were made by the Special Officers of district boards concerned.

(*h*) The Government have power under section 70-A of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 and section 73-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, to transfer any officer or servant of a local board or a municipality to the service of another local body. However, permanent district board employees, municipal employees and executive officers of panchayats who belong to different services and who were selected for the panel of Deputy Panchayat Officers were not transferred by Government to their new appointments as Deputy Panchayat Officers under district boards, but were appointed by the Special Officers of the district boards concerned from the panel approved by Government.

(*i*) No confidential orders were issued in regard to the termination of services of the ex-Assistant Panchayat Officers. The orders regarding appointments to the new cadre, however, were treated as confidential until Special Officers of district boards made the appointments.

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*) The question of drawing up fresh panels after calling for applications is under the consideration of Government. It will not be in the public interest, to furnish the names of candidates in the existing panels who are awaiting appointment.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following message received from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, dated the 18th January **1949 :—**

' In accordance with rule 108 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras Aliyasanthana Bill, 1948 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1948), as agreed to by the Assembly without any amendment and signed by me.' "

III.—ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, I am giving a Tea Party this afternoon in honour of my esteemed and distinguished friend, the Hon. Sri Kala Venkata Rao. I have invited the hon. Members of this House and I would therefore request you to be kind enough to direct the House to rise at 4–30 p.m. to-day. If any hon. Member has not received the invitation, I would request him to take this as an invitation and attend the Party."